

NOTICE FEE INCREASE

EFFECTIVE FEBRUARY 1, 2008

The fee increases are effective February 1, 2008; a decision the Board members made after reviewing the necessity for the increases. (Arkansas Code Annotated 17-27-203 (e) and Rule Section 1.7)

You are being notified so you may make arrangements prior to the billing for your license renewal July 1, 2008 or July 1, 2009.

Only one license fee increase has been made since 1979. The license fee of \$200.00 was for all licenses established in 1979. The LAC fee has never been increased. The LPC license fee was increased to \$ 250.00 approximately 15 years ago. The LAMFT and the LMFT license fees established in 1997 were the same as existing license fees for LAC/LPC. Income is almost the same amount as the appropriation for operation with current salaries, rent, mileage expense, hotel costs, postage costs, etc. Since all have increased in the past few years, additional income must be generated. The legislative auditors refer to our current budget and income as a “bankrupt” budget. If there were a legal battle or some other unexpected expense, the Board would not have the monies to operate without borrowing and incurring debts that would have to be addressed for payment for income sources that are not in place.

Board members are volunteers and receive no pay for their service to the profession. They are paid expenses: mileage, lodging, and food. The expenses must be approved and adhere to state mandated expense limits prior to reimbursement. Board members are very frugal in reporting their expenses and save every way possible. Board operating expenses are monitored by the Arkansas Legislature. A Legislative Council auditor comes to the Board office each summer for the audit and reports it to the Legislature. No monies may be expended without Legislative appropriation even though no tax monies are allowed for the Board operation. Renewal fees are the only sources of income for Board operation. The Department of Administration and Finance and Accounting monitors all expenditures. All expenditures must be approved by the Arkansas Department of Administration and Finance prior to payment.

The enclosed fee schedule, effective February 1, 2008 may also be found on the web:
www.state.ar.us/abec.

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FEE SCHEDULE

Expense Fees:

*Application Packet (directly from Board Office)	\$20.00+5.00 SH
*Application Fee (Separate charge from Packet)	\$200.00
Examination Fees:	
NCE Examination	NBCC
NCMHCE Examination	NBCC
AMFTRB Examination	AMFTRB
File Copy Charge (allow three weeks)	\$30.00+5.00 SH
Test Score-Official Copy	\$15.00
Per Sheet Copy Charge (\$3.00 minimum)	.25
Lists (email or paper)	\$40.00+2.00 SH
Labels	\$80.00+4.00 SH
Disc	\$50.00+1.50 SH
Returned Check Charge	\$50.00
Replacement License	\$25.00
Professional Association (CORPORATE) Application	\$25.00
Corporate annual renewal	\$10.00
Replacement ACA Code of Ethics book	\$10.00+1.50 SH
Replacement AAMFT Code of Ethics	\$ 5.00
Application File Maintenance-Fee for each application extension beyond first 12 months	\$ 50.00

License verification \$1.00 per name

License Fees:

Initial licensing fee is prorated based on the biennial fee, according to the number of months licensed, one time only, beginning July 1 of the fiscal year of license issue.

<u>Biennial license renewal-Associates (LAC/LAMFT</u>	<u>\$250.00</u>
<u>Biennial license renewal-Professionals (LPC/LMFT)</u>	<u>\$300.00</u>
<u>Late renewal fee July 1 to December 1</u>	<u>\$100.00</u>
<u>Late renewal fee December 2 to June 30</u>	<u>\$200.00</u>

Change from LAC to LPC or LAMFT to LMFT option \$100.00

Specialization License Fee \$50.00

License fee (one time fee, renewal based on generic license renewal)

***One fee if applying for both LAC/LPC and LAMFT/LMFT at the same time**